

CHAPTER 96**HUNTER SAFETY AND ETHICS EDUCATION***H.F. 81*

AN ACT relating to the qualifications for the successful completion of an approved hunter safety and ethics education course.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 483A.27, subsection 1, Code 1997, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1. A person born after January 1, 1967, shall not obtain a hunting license unless the person has satisfactorily completed a hunter safety and ethics education course approved by the commission. A person who is eleven years of age or more may enroll in an approved hunter safety and ethics education course, but a person who is eleven years of age and who has successfully completed the course shall be issued a certificate of completion which becomes valid on the person's twelfth birthday. A certificate of completion from an approved hunter safety and ethics education course issued in this state since 1960, by another state, or by a foreign nation, is valid for the requirements of this section.

Sec. 2. Section 483A.27, subsection 2, Code 1997, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

2. A certificate of completion shall not be issued to a person who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum of ten hours of training in an approved hunter safety and ethics education course. The department shall establish the curriculum for the first ten hours of an approved hunter safety and ethics education course offered in this state. Upon completion of the ten-hour curriculum, each person shall pass an individual oral test or a written test provided by the department. The department shall establish the criteria for successfully passing the tests. Based on the results of the test and demonstrated safe handling of a firearm, the instructor shall determine the persons who shall be issued a certificate of completion.

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CHAPTER 97**RECOVERY OF MERCHANDISE OR DAMAGES***H.F. 307*

AN ACT relating to the definition of an owner of a mercantile establishment for purposes of recovery of merchandise or damages.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 645.1, subsection 3, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3. "Owner" means an owner of a mercantile establishment and includes ~~an owner's employee acting on behalf~~ a designated representative of the owner.

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